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SUBJ: RED:EACAP:REQUEST FOR EXPERT ON EARTH RESOURCES SATELLITE
SYSTEMS

PASS NASA AND USGS FOR REINEMUND

1. NETHERLANDS HAS AGREED FUND ESCAP REGIONAL REMOTE SENSING DATA RECEIVING FACILITY PROJECT. ESCAP NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION CHIEF MCCUTCHAN SAYS PROJECT INVOLVES A TWO-MAN STUDY TEAM WHICH WOULD TRAVEL IN REGION AND ASSESS CASE FOR REGIONAL REMOTE SENSING DATA RECEIVING FACILITY AND ALSO ASSESS COUNTRIES' REQUIREMENTS IN SURVEYING AND MAPPING FIELDS.

2. A CANADIAN HAD BEEN PICKED AS SECOND MEMBER OF TEAM WHO WOULD BE AN EXPERT IN SYSTEMS FOR RECEIVING, PROCESSING AND TRANSMITTING EARTH RESOURCES SATELLITE DATA. HOWEVER, CANADIAN CAN NOT SPEND SIX WEEKS AS PLANNED AND MCCUTCHAN WANTS TO KNOW IF AN AMERICAN EXPERT, PREFERABLY FROM NASA, COULD PARTICIPATE ON A NON-REIMBURSABLE BASIS. HE SHOULD HAVE TERTIARY QUALIFICATIONS IN PHYSICS OR RELATED SCIENCE AND DIRECT EXPERIENCE IN ESTABLISHMENT AND/OR OPERATION OF FACILITIES FOR RECEIVAL, PROCESSING AND DISSEMINATION OF EARTH RESOURCE SATELLITE DATA. HE WOULD BE EXPECTED TO ASSEMBLE RELEVANT INFORMATION FOR TEAM LEADER AND DISCUSS THEM. HE MIGHT THEN PARTICIPATE IN LATTER PART OF VISIT PROGRAM TO REGIONAL COUNTRIES, PARTI-
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CULARLY TO JAPAN AND, IF INCLUDED, CHIMA. LAST TWO WEEKS WOULD

BE SPENT IN BANGKOK COMPILING REPORT.

3. RED BELIEVES US PARTICIPATION IN THIS PROJECT HAS MERIT IN TERMS OF HELPING TO DETERMINE PROPER LOCATION OF REGIONAL EARTH STATION AND PROMOTE US EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY. IF US EXPERT CAN BE PROVIDED, RED WOULD BE PREPARED REQUEST USE PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT FUNDS TO COVER TRAVEL AND PER DIEM FOR SIX WEEK PERIOD. (ESTIMATED TOTAL COSTS \$4,000)

4. MCCUTECHAN REQUESTS OUR PRELIMINARY ADVICE SOONEST BEFORE SUBMITTING FORMAL PROPOSAL.

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